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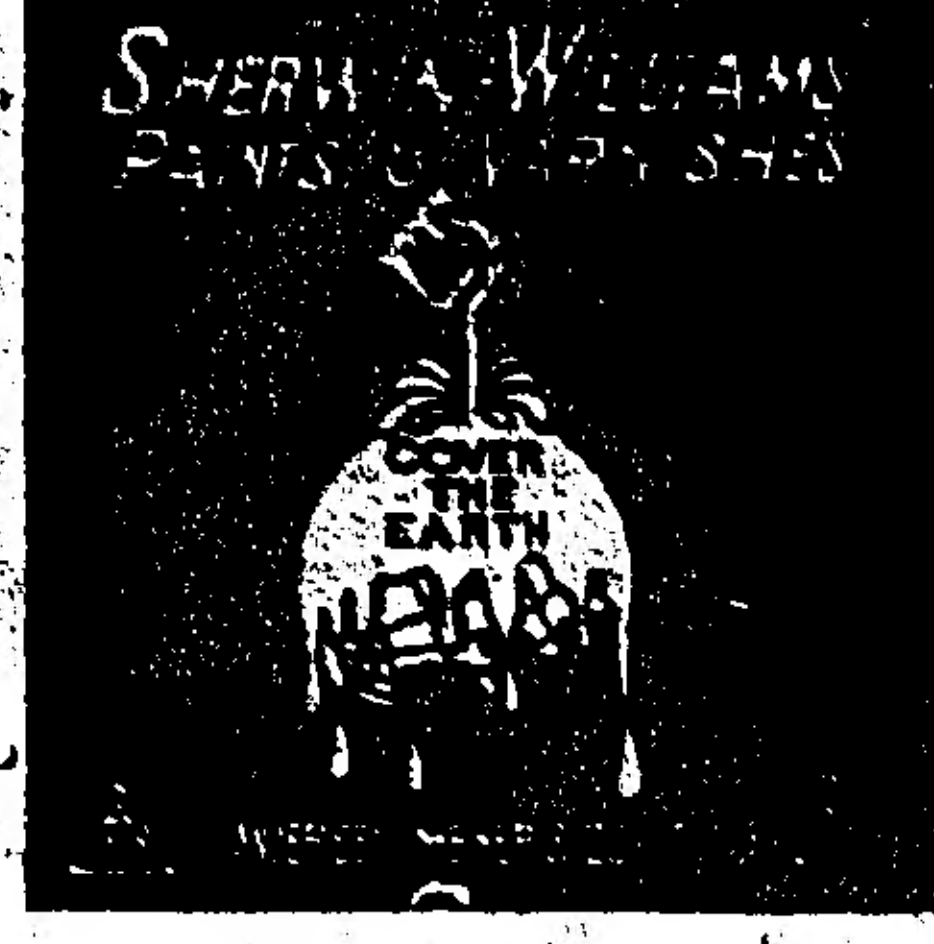
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THE IRISH DEBATE.

PREMIER'S "MASTERLY ORATION."

SINN FEIN AGAIN DEBATES IN SECRET.

Lord Carson Renews His Attack.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 15.

The debates at the special Sessions of the Lords and Commons called to ratify the Irish treaty were adjourned last night. Mr. Lloyd George, in a masterly oration in the Commons supporting the Address to the Throne, rebutted criticisms and declared that no agreement ever received such an enthusiastic and world-wide welcome. He hoped that the old motto "England's danger is Ireland's opportunity" would have a new meaning—the meaning which the Dominions gave it in 1914.

The Unionist die-hards and the Ulster members tabled amendments to the Address in both Houses regretting the surrender of the Crown's rights in Ireland, and declaring that the treaty violates the pledges to Ulster.

The feature of the debate in the House of Lords was Lord Carson's bitter attack on the Government, declaring that a greater outrage upon constitutional liberty had never been attempted.

Die-Hard Denunciations.

London, December 15.

The Irish debate was resumed in both Houses. Mr. Asquith, in the Commons, wholeheartedly supported the treaty, but solemnly warned the House that it would be the greatest mistake to suppose that when ratified they had come nearly to the end of the difficulty.

Col. Gresson (Unionist), who moved the die-hards' amendment mentioned this morning (see Earlier Cable), talked about negotiations with a murder gang.

Winston Strong for the Agreement.

Mr. Churchill contended that Britain's interests were fully safeguarded. He said that, despite the extremists' denunciations, nineteen-twentieths of both peoples were determined to carry the peace through.

Mr. Bonar Law's Reappearance.

Mr. Bonar Law also spoke in favour of the agreement.

Mr. Bonar Law and Lord Middleton Favourable.

Mr. Bonar Law said that, excepting as regards boundaries, the alternative policy he would have presented had such become necessary. He regretted the unjust and bitter feeling against Ulster, but opined that Ulster ought to consider the question of adjustment of boundaries if the agreement did not mean severance of any counties from Ulster.

In the House of Lords, Viscount Middleton, leader of the Southern Unionists, favoured a joint body for affairs of common interest to North and South. He believed it was the duty of Southern Unionists to work with the new Government as long as South Ireland remained in the Empire.

The Duke of Northumberland moved the die-hard amendment. The debate was adjourned.

The Commons debate was adjourned after Mr. Chamberlain had stated that the House would not be prorogued until the result of the Daily discussion was known.

Sinn Fein Again Debates in Secret.

London, December 15.

Dail Eireann resumed its sitting, which was again secret, despite the agreement reached yesterday. It is understood that this was the result of a private debate yesterday revealing profound differences of opinion.

The private discussions may continue to-morrow. No decision with be reached till Saturday.

Ulster's Reasons.

London, December 15.

Sir James Craig on the 14th inst. sent Mr. Lloyd George the reply of the Ulster Cabinet on the Irish agreement. It declares that, despite the inducements offered to Ulster, the latter is convinced that it is not in the interest of Britain or the Empire that Ulster becomes subordinate to the Sinn Fein Government, and also declares that in the long run the British nation will recognise that Ulster's action in remaining outside the Irish Free State is in their interests, and will accord the Northern Parliament such measures of protection as will counteract the disadvantages due to her position as a frontier State of the United Kingdom.

GERMAN INTIMATES HER DEFAULT.

Asks for Moratorium.

Berlin, December 15.

The German Government has informed the committee of guarantees that it will be unable to pay the reparations instalment due on January 15, and consequently asks for a moratorium. If this is not granted, it will be compelled to have recourse to a credit operation.

A Hint of Default with Later Instalments.

Paris, December 15.

The German Note to the Reparations Commission notifying inability to pay the reparations instalments due January 15 and February 15 states that efforts to raise either a long-dated loan or a short-dated credit in Britain for this purpose did not succeed. The utmost that Germany can raise, apart from deliveries in kind and authorised credits, is 200,000,000 gold marks. The Note requests an extension of the time-limit, and adds a request that, should similar difficulties arise in connection with subsequent payments, the Reparations Commission will immediately refer the Note to the Allies.

MOPLAH SURRENDERS CONTINUE.

Remainder Surrounded in the Hills.

London, December 15.

An India Office statement says that the position of the Moplahs is becoming desperate, and that there are increasing signs that the rebellion is collapsing.

The remainder of the fighting gangs are penned in the hills by the troops. The steady stream of surrenders continues.

DAY BY DAY.

We learn from the police that the man who sustained twenty-two stab wounds and cuts on his body at Temple Street the other day succumbed to his injuries last night.

Four men, two of whom were armed respectively with a revolver and dagger, stopped a Chinese on the Yau-mai-Kowloon City Road last night and relieved him of \$5 in small coins.

An Indian, named Sham Dass, was this morning charged with failing to register himself within seven days of arrival in the Colony. Mr. Sham Dass speaks English, so do also the members of the firm which he joined here. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

The dead body of a Chinese, with a wound in the left cheek and an abrasion on the chin, was picked up by the police yesterday from a stream near No. 8 Railway Bridge in the New Territories, and removed to the Kowloon mortuary. Apparently murder had been committed though from other motives than those of gain as indicated by the discovery of a ten dollar bill in the pocket of the dead man. The police are pursuing investigations.

A returned emigrant from Vancouver was arrested yesterday by the police in consequence of the discovery of a revolver and 48 rounds of ammunition on his person. The ammunition was concealed in a clock and also sandwiched between two felt hats, while the automatic was taken to pieces and tied to the back of his trousers. From the careful way in which the contraband was hidden, Mr. R. E. Lindsell deduced that it was a case of deliberate smuggling, and he ordered the defendant to pay a fine of \$250 and ordered the arms to be confiscated.

When the J.C.J. liner *Tjiliboet* left Borneo she had on board six stowaways who successfully evaded the search made before her departure by concealing themselves in the latrine. They were not discovered until the vessel was well out at sea and the officers had no recourse but to bring them to Hongkong and hand them to the Water Police on arrival. They were brought before the Magistrate this morning and given two months' hard labour. It was stated that during the search made at Borneo twenty other men, who attempted to stow away, were discovered and turned out of the ship.

Six and a half tons of coal are alleged to have disappeared in transit to the godown the other day, and the mistress of the boat and her crew of three men were this morning brought before the Magistrate in consequence of the discovery of a secret compartment large enough to conceal a good amount of coal in her boat. It was necessary that a personal examination of this compartment which by the way is a breach of the regulations concerning the construction of such boats, be made by the Magistrate, and with a view to this the case was adjourned. The prisoners were allowed bail of a substantial amount.

UNSUITABLE MOTOR.

Tobacco Manufacturers Sued.

Judgment was given in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, yesterday afternoon, in favour of the Canton Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, Ltd., who were the defendants in an action in which the Kwong Sang Loong Firm claimed \$1,050, the price of a 15 h.p. motor alleged to have been sold by plaintiffs to defendants on April 23rd, 1921. The sum of \$50 was waived in order to bring the claim within the jurisdiction of the Summary Court.

The defence was that the motor in question was not sold but delivered on trial. It was found to be unsuitable and plaintiffs were informed and requested to remove it, which they had neglected to do. Mr. F. Mason represented the plaintiffs and Mr. H. B. Hind conducted the defence.

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NAVAL RATIO AGREEMENT CONFIRMED.

France's Stipulations.

Washington, December 15.

It is officially announced that the Far Eastern Committee has adjourned in order to give an opportunity to the naval sub-committee to reach an agreement at the earliest possible moment and to allow of progress in the Shantung conversations.

Washington, December 15.

An official announcement states that the naval ratio agreement is expected to be reached immediately.

Later.

The conclusion of the naval ratio agreement has been confirmed.

Particulars of the Naval Settlement.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington understands that the chief terms of the naval ratio agreement provide that Japan shall keep the *Mutsu* and scrap the *Settsu*.

Fortifications in the Pacific will remain in *status quo* but Hawaii is excluded from this arrangement. Britain will scrap four dreadnoughts of the King George class, but will equalise the position by the addition of two new vessels.

The tonnage allotted to Britain and the United States under the original proposals is raised to approximately 525,000 tons permitting America to include the Washington and the Colorado, while Britain is enabled to build two new ships of under forty thousand tons, presumably of the Royal Sovereign class. Japan's ratio is proportionately increased. The original Hughes plan is unchanged otherwise, but it is understood that the submarines question and the replacement of capital ships will be discussed by a new naval committee of fifteen convened to meet to-day.

The French Schedule.

Washington, December 15.

The spokesman of the French delegation states that when the Conference considers the question of the French and Italian navies, France will request the allotment to France of 315,000 tons of capital ships and a proportionate percentage of smaller warships.

New York Honours Foch.

New York, December 15.

Marshal Foch and M. Viviani started for home aboard the *Paris*. Marshal Foch had previously received the freedom of the City publicly in the City Hall, where the recipient wrapped the token in the American flag.

SOUTHWARK BY-ELECTION: LABOUR GAIN.

London, December 15.

The Southwark by-election resulted in a Labour gain for the Coalition.

[Southwark is composed of three constituencies, all of which returned Coalition Liberals at the General Election.]

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

PRINCE'S VISIT.

The Illumination Scheme.

The Colony should be a magnificent spectacle when the Prince of Wales visits Hongkong. A *Telegraph* reporter was shown plans of the scheme of decorations this morning and the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Chairman of the Decorations Committee, was good enough to explain the whole arrangements.

The decoration scheme is to be in red. Imitation stone pillars will be placed all round Statue Square and Chater Road. At the main points will be large pillars, surmounted by white electric lights in frosted globes, and decorated with the Royal Standard in the form of a shield and flags, surmounted by the Prince of Wales' Feathers. Evergreen festoons will be hung from these pillars, and hanging from the festoons will be red Chinese lanterns, making effective triumphal arches at all the main points. Along the sides of Chater Road and all round Statue Square will be smaller pillars, with similar lamps on top and decorated with shields on which will be the Royal Standard quartered and various coloured flags. Hanging from these smaller pillars will be festoons and lanterns similar to those on the bigger ones, but these will run alongside Chater Road and around Statue Square.

Instead of across the road, the small pillars will be about twenty feet apart. There will probably be another triumphal arch at the top of Pedder Street and the triumphal arches will most likely be continued at intervals to the Taiping Theatre to the Westward and as far as the Polo Ground to the Eastward. In the daytime it should be a very pretty sight and at night, with all the red Chinese lanterns glowing, the illuminations should make an impressive spectacle.

Queen's Statue will be all lighted up with white electric lights, similar to the Peace Celebrations in July, 1919, and from the statue to the larger pillars will be more festoons. Experiments are being made with arc lamps, the idea being that these shall be placed at the top of the statue, where they will throw out beams of light, which should be most effective. Only the low level and Government buildings will be decorated publicly; it being expected that those residing on the upper and middle levels will decorate their houses themselves and that all the firms in the town will look after their business premises.

The Decorations Committee consider that the scheme will be most effective if all buildings are illuminated with red paper lanterns. These should be lighted with candles, which will be supplied with the lanterns sufficient to burn for two nights. If any firm wishes to display any particular device, they can do so in electricity and in whatever colours desired, but such devices or crests should be displayed in the centre, which, it is thought, should rather add to the brilliancy of the scheme. It is not desired that the red Chinese lanterns should be lighted by electricity, as that would make the illuminations too glaring; the idea of the scheme is to have a soft red glow. All desiring lanterns are asked to communicate with Mr. C. Montague Ede, as soon as possible, to give sufficient time to purchase the number required. It is hoped that those who reside in blocks of houses or in flats will combine with their fellow occupants in order to obtain some scheme of uniformity and also that their requirements for lanterns will be reported *en bloc*. For those who desire some guide as to the illuminations, it is suggested that all arches and cornices should be outlined and so generally reproduce the main features of the house.

The Railway Station at Kowloon will be decorated and it has also been decided to erect two triumphal arches on the mainland, opposite the Station. These will be illuminated similarly to those on the Island.

All the men-o-war will be illuminated and probably the merchant ships as well, but as there is yet some time before the Prince arrives, all details regarding the decorations and illuminations are not yet completed.

UNIVERSITY SPORT.

Tennis and Football.

"UNIVERSITY" V. CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

The University met and defeated the C.C.C. in tennis and football on Thursday last. Canton had a well-balanced team in tennis, Mah at the net smashing beautifully and Ng playing a very steady game. Their second pair did not come up to expectations. The University team, however, was not in its usual form, due perhaps to the recent exams. So and Yue were apparently off colour. Rumjahn and Laing combined very well and the special features of their play were, undoubtedly, their wonderful side-line drives and accurate placing. The scores are given below—

H. M. Soo and N. K. Yue lost to C. H. Mah and P. S. Ng 4 6 0 6. H. M. Soo and N. K. Yue beat S. P. Loo and U. T. Kong 6 1 7 5. A. Rumjahn and D. Laing beat C. H. Mah and P. S. Ng 6 8 6 0-6 3.

D. Laing and A. Rumjahn beat S. P. Loo and U. T. Kong 6 4 6 1. The football match took place at 4.30 p.m. the same day on the Hongkong Football Club Ground. The game was very fast and clean, thanks to Mr. R. M. Omar who very ably acted as referee. A great number of spectators, supporters of both teams, watched the game and excitement reigned throughout. The University students turned out in full force, and such was their enthusiasm that cooking utensils were used to cheer their team. Many lady guests were also present to encourage the home team. During the first half the University scored 3 goals through Samy and as Canton played a defensive game in the second half no goals were scored. The University forwards played well. Samy and T. L. Cheah were too fast for the Canton defence. The visitors had two good forwards in Lee and Wai but they could do nothing against the home defence which was sound, due to the able play of Laing and Sepper, the back-bone of the team.

After the match tea was served, Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the energetic President of The University Football Club, then delivered a humorous speech welcoming, on behalf of his club, the C.C.C. team and their followers.

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The Special Pavilion. His Royal Highness will land at Blake Pier, pass through Pedder Street, turn into Chater Road, pass the Statue and so reach the special pavilion which is to be erected on the Colony's "best site."

The pavilion is to be of imitation stone, and judging by the plans which a *Hongkong Telegraph* reporter was shown this morning, it should be a very imposing edifice. The total measurements of the building are to be 180 feet by 147 feet. The Prince will enter the pavilion through an entrance in Chater Road. This will lead into a huge reception hall capable of seating 1,200 persons, and in addition there will be room for a further 1,200 to stand. In the reception hall, to the left of the entrance, will be erected a dais for our Royal visitor, and behind this dais there is to be a private retiring room for the Prince. This room will have a private exit at the back, so that His Royal Highness will be able to reach his motor car by walking across the garden.

At the other side of the reception hall there will be a large dance hall, capable of accommodating some thousands. The main part of the dance hall measures 143 feet by 50 feet and there is another portion 50 feet by 50 feet, as well as numerous smaller corners. There will be a dais for the Prince in the dancing hall, a gallery for the band, refreshment bars and ladies' and gentlemen's retiring rooms.

Volunteer Orders appear on Page 4. The Silver King is the film feature on the bill at the Coronet, while "Other Men's Shoes" holds premier position at the Kowloon Theatre to-night.—Page 12. Yee Sang Fat have a Christmas Sale on.—Page 7. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will offer 1,000 toys for sale on Volunteering Headquarters' Parade Ground to-morrow afternoon.—Page 4. A Lady Secretary is wanted for the Helens May Institute.—Page 4. The Christmas Numbers of the Amalgamated Press are advertised on Page 4.

CHINESE NEWS.

Navy Asks for Money.

Our Canton correspondent reports that a certain well-known merchant, who was invited to Wuchow by the chief of the Financial Department there to promote a Chinese bank, has returned and has stated that, in view of the devastated condition of the province, and the poverty of the people, there is no hope of starting any banking business in Wuchow at present or in the near future.

Admiral Lum Wing-mu has made a complaint to Gen. Chan King-ming that besides the \$800,000 already in arrears in the salaries of the sailors and officers of the squadron another three months' pay is now due, and that such payment should be made before the new year. Gen. Chan has agreed to order the treasuries of the Finance Ministry and the Salt Commissioner to attend to this matter.

Owing to lack of funds for the repair of the gunboat Kwong Hoi the authorities have decided to sell her.

Tong Chi-Yao, who is going to join Sun Yat-sen, arrived at Shumchow on the 10th, but cannot proceed any farther without being escorted by a strong force, as from thence to Lanchow the river is infested with many thousands of pirates.

A Peking telegram reports that To Kwan, owing to his inability to render any assistance to the financial situation, has refused the request of Chang Jek-lin to come to Peking, but Chang himself intends to advance 12 million dollars to the Communication Bank.

We take the following from the *Canton Times*—

It is reported that about 85,000 soldiers will be disbanded from the different brigades of the province. Instruction has been given to the military officers concerned by General Chan King-ming for the disbandment. The Financial Department has also been directed by the Military Headquarters to be prepared to pay a sum of \$10,000 for the expenses for the dismissal of the soldiers at the end of this month.

A plan had been drawn up by the Standard Oil Company in the year 1919 to build an oil tank and a godown on Chao-mai-sha or Chan-wan village, on the opposite side of Ho-kow in Samshui district. This was repeatedly opposed by the Canton Government as well as the Centre of the Samshui district on the basis that it is disapproved by the Marine Customs Law, which does not permit to anchor at such a place which is the center of communication of the district.

We recalled the fact that some years ago, the British Asiatic Petroleum Company had also made the same proposal which received no sanction from the Government for reason above enumerated.

To-morrow's picture page will contain photographs of the launchings of the steamships *Chang Sha* and *Petricola*; groups of the *Challoune*—Joseland, Chow Yee-kwong—Lee, Chau Sik-chau—Wong wedding; and a picture of the Shorthand Class pupils of St. Mary's School, Kowloon.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

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Kirkpatrick, visited the ship yester-
day afternoon and were entertained
to tea. After tea an inspection of
the ship was made. The Guides
being greatly interested in the
instruments and machinery. Be-
fore leaving each girl was presented
with a souvenir of the visit.

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HONGKONG CENSUS.

Interesting Facts and
Figures

The report on the census of the
Colony for 1921 was, in reply to
a question put by the Hon. H. E.
Pollock (who was not present),
laid before the Legislative Council
by Command of His Excellency the
Governor, at yesterday's meeting.
It states:

The decennial Census of the
Civil population of the Colony was
taken in the Island of Hongkong
and Kowloon on the night of April
24th, and in the New Territories
between March 24th and April
24th, the Floating Population be-
ing enumerated between April
23rd and 26th. The total popula-
tion was found to be 525,165, an
increase of 163,427 or 36.87 per
cent. on the figures for 1911, the
greatest relative increase ever re-
corded for the Colony. The bulk
of the increase has taken place in
the City of Victoria and Kowloon.

The schedule adopted was sim-
pler than in 1911, questions as to
language, religion and infirmities
being omitted. Proposed columns
for "Race" and "Industry" were
excised from the final draft,
hence it was impossible to classify
the cosmopolitan non-Chinese
population except by nationality,
thus Japanese, Malays and An-
namites had to be included with
Europeans from their respective
countries. The majority of the
schedules were collected and re-
turned to the office within 10 days,
and the preliminary report was
ready by May 12th. The schedules
as a whole were filled up care-
fully, and contained very few errors
even in the poorer parts of the
Colony, and the results of a trifling
nature. The column for occupa-
tion was, however, in very many
cases filled up without sufficient
precision.

A room on the top floor of the
Courts of Justice was used as the
General Office, and after experi-
ment was found capable of accom-
modating 22 clerks and a super-
visor, to which figure the original
staff engaged was reduced. With
more office room available the
time required could have been re-
duced, but it is preferable and
more economical to employ a
smaller staff and take a longer
time to complete the work, as it
requires some little while for the
tabulating clerks to become pre-
cisely efficient.

Distribution of the Population.
The population of the Colony is
composed of four distinct sec-
tions: (a) that of New Territories,
Northern District, which is purely
agricultural, living in about 600
small villages and hamlets, only a
few of which have a population
exceeding 500; (b) that of the New
Territories, Southern District,
which is mainly dependent on fish-
ing, the Tsun Wan district partly
depending on the cultivation of
pineapples; (c) that of Hongkong
and the Kowloon Peninsula,
which chiefly depends on general
commerce and shipbuilding; (d)
that of the Floating Population
living on junks and small boats,
which in Victoria Harbour de-
pends on service rendered to ship-
ping, and in Cheungchow and
Tai-O in the New Territories
South, Shaikwan and Aberdeen
on the Island of Hongkong, on
fishing.

In the New Territories North
the population is stationary; in
the Southern District a large in-
crease is shown for Cheungchow
and Tsun Wan, Tsun Wan being
4,903 against 2,932, Cheungchow
5,037 against 3,954; the Island of
Lantau shows a decrease from
6,710 to 5,953. The population of
the whole of the New Territories
comprises roughly one-seventh of
the total land population.

Of the remaining six-sevenths
the great majority are an urban
population, massed round the
shores of Hongkong Harbour, the
majority at present residing on the
northern slope of the Island of
Hongkong.

The City of Victoria, a term
hardly known to ordinary re-
sidents, and rarely heard or seen
except in maps and official re-
ports, has now a population of
322,273, an increase of 41.88 per
cent.—

(b.) Upper Levels.—The increase
in the Upper Levels is 7,185,
due largely to the replacement
of Europeans by wealthy
Chinese; in houses where ten
years ago a European family
of four with four Chinese ser-
vants resided, there are now
found Chinese families of
often at least treble that num-
ber. Comparatively little
building has been carried on
in this section.

(c.) Hill District.—The Hill Dis-
trict shows an increase of 101
in the non-Chinese population
and 195 in the Chinese popu-
lation in spite of the fact that
a large Boarding House was
temporarily closed at the date
of the Census, and that the
number of houses ready for
occupation remained about the
same as in 1911. Since the
Census a number of houses
have been built or projected.

(d.) Central District.—The Cen-
tral District, from Pedder
Street and Glenale to the
Tung Wah Hospital and Wing
Lok Street, has increased by
31,187. No new sites have
been opened up for building
in this district, which has long
been fully occupied, while
along Des Vœux Road Central
and the Praya many houses
formerly used as emigrant
lodging houses or family
houses, have been turned into
large department stores,
which have all congregated
here. The increase is there-
fore in a district, which was
adequately filled before, and
where rebuilding often means
a sacrifice of accommodation
owing to the more stringent
Building and Sanitary regula-
tions in force at the present
time.

(e.) Sai Ying Pun.—Sai Ying Pun,
from the Tung Wah Hos-
pital to Pokfulam Road, only
shows the small increase of
820. This district contains a
number of old two-storied
houses of poor construction,
whose service is nearly done,
and which will have to be re-
built very soon, when the num-
ber of stories will doubtless
be largely increased. This
district contains the densest
populated area, that bound-
ed by Third, Eastern and
Western Streets and Des
Vœux Road West, the density
being approximately 1,600 per
acre.

(f.) West Point.—West Point, i.e.
from Pokfulam Road to Jubi-
lee Road at the foot of Mount
Davis, has increased by
10,929; this increase is mostly
between Pokfulam and Hill
Roads where there has been
considerable building activity.
West of Hill Road however a
large number of houses have
been demolished to make room
for palatial Chinese restau-
rants and large godowns. In
Victoria future expansion north
of Kennedy, Caine and Bon-
ham Roads is now impossible,
all the available ground being
already fully occupied. But
in the Upper Levels, before the
next Census the substitution
of blocks of Chinese flats for
European style houses stand-
ing in their own grounds will
have rendered accommodation
available there for large num-
bers of middle class Chinese,
while the wealthier Chinese
now in occupation may be ex-
pected to build themselves
country homes on the south
side of the Island, now render-
ed accessible by good motor
roads.

(g.) Eastern District.—The eastern
District, i.e. from North
Point to the Naval Yard,
shows an increase of 33,215,
being more than double the
figure for 1911. This is due
largely to the conversion of
some large godowns, Pen-
wick's Engineering Yard and
the French Convent into
streets of residential property,
also to the rebuilding of a

Shaukeiwan.—The Shaukeiwan
District, i.e. from North Point to
Lyceum, has increased by 8,442,
and much building was in pro-
gress when the Census was taken.

The population here largely relies
for its livelihood on the Tai-
koo Dockyard and Sugar Refinery,
which were fully employed. A
large scheme of reclamation is
now about to commence at North
Point, and before long the City of
Victoria will undoubtedly extend
in an unbroken line from West
Point to Lyceum Pass, a dis-
tance of 10 miles.

Aberdeen.—The Aberdeen dis-
trict has increased by 644; there
is considerable building activity
here, especially on the reclama-
tion recently completed, while
across the harbour at Apichau a
large scheme of reclamation is
in hand. This district de-
pends largely on junk building
and the fishing industry which
of recent years has not been very
prosperous.

Pokfulam.—The Pokfulam dis-
trict, i.e. that part of the South
Side of the Island extending from
Mount Davis to Aberdeen, has in-
creased by 951; the population is
largely dependent on the Dairy
Farm, but an increasing number
of European style houses are
being erected in this district.

Kowloon Peninsula.—
The Kowloon Peninsula shows
an increase of 55,981 or 82.96 per
cent., a phenomenal increase in a
district which in 1881 only num-
bered 9,021 inhabitants.—

(a.) Kowloon Point.—That part of
the Kowloon Peninsula south
of King's Park shows an in-
crease in the non-Chinese
population of 1,048, chiefly
owing to the migration of Por-
tuguese from Hongkong. A
large number of European
flats have been recently erected
in the district. The Chinese
population has increased by 4,642.

(b.) Hung Hom.—The District of
Hung Hom has increased by
8,759; this is due chiefly to the
fact that in 1911 work at the
Kowloon Docks and Cement
Works, on which the popula-
tion chiefly relies, was excep-
tionally slack. The Dock Co.
and the Electric Light Co.
have erected new blocks of
quarters for their staffs at
Tai Wan, but apart from this
there has been little building
in the district. There is
plenty of land available for
building purposes along the
Kowloon City Road, but while
the abominable and largely
preventable dust nuisance
caused by the Cement Works
is allowed to continue, resi-
dence in this district will be
unpopular except for the lower
classes of labour employed by
the Cement Works and Dock
Co., and the development of a
large part of the Peninsula
will be effectively prevented.

(c.) Yau Ma Tei.—Yau Ma Tei, i.e. the
district between the Indian
Barracks and the Police Sta-
tion, has increased by 8,914.
There were a very large num-
ber of houses in course of
erection at the time of the
Census, and I estimate that by
the beginning of next year ac-
commodation will have been
provided for 10,000 additional
persons in this district. The
reclamation in front of the
Police Station completed a
few years ago has not yet been
built upon, and forms one of
the few remaining vacant
areas in this district.

(d.) Mongkok.—Mongkok, i.e. the
district extending from the
Yau Ma Tei Police Station to
Mongkok Village, has in-
creased by 14,533. Great building
activity has been apparent in
recent years and all available
land has now been occupied
except in the immediate vicin-
ity of Mongkok Village itself.
A large amount of swampy
ground has been filled in and
is now being built upon; there
will be room however for ex-
tension between Mongkok and
Yau Ma Tei Railway Station as
soon as the necessary work of
filling in the low-lying ground
has been taken in hand.

(e.) Talkoktsui and Shamshui-
po.—Talkoktsui and Shamshui-
po have increased by 6,372 in
spite of the fact that a large
number of matcheds and huts
formerly occupied as dwell-
ings at Sz Wo Tong and
Cheung Sha Wan have been
removed. The old village of
Shamshui-po composed of nar-
row winding alleyways and
one-storied stone hovels has
been completely swept away
and in its place a modern
suburb is rapidly rising with
wide streets and three-storied
houses, on land reclaimed
from the sea; at the date of
the Census a large number of

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

TSINGTAO-TSINAN RAILWAY.

Washington, Dec. 15.

A communique says that the Sino-Japanese delegates continued
the discussion of the Tsingtao-Tsinan railway question and ap-
proached a understanding on several features of the question.

FRENCH COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

Paris, Dec. 14.

General Gouraud, French High Commissioner in Syria, has arrived
in Marseilles. He paid a protracted visit to the Colonial Exhibi-
tion which will be opened next spring. All Eastern countries will
be represented.—Havas.

EAST INDIES DEVELOPMENTS.

Rotterdam, Dec. 15.

The Minister of the Colonies is negotiating a loan in the
United States for one hundred million dollars on behalf of the
East Indies.

INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK BRIGHTER.

Paris, Dec. 14.

Chiefly as a result of the recent Franco-British conversations,
to be resumed in London by M. Briand shortly, the international
outlook is much better.—Havas.

BUSINESS CRISIS ENDED.

Paris, Dec. 14.

The French exchange is improving steadily. On the other
hand the business crisis seems ended, the volume of trade increas-
ing daily.—Havas.

houses were in course of erec-
tion. The whole area is being
laid out on a systematic plan
drawn up some years ago, and
Shamshui-po bids fair to be-
come a popular residential
and industrial district. Large
schemes of reclamation are
now well under way both at
Cheung Sha Wan, Talkoktsui
and Kowloon Tong. In the
near future from the Kowloon
Ferry a thickly populated dis-
trict will extend for 4 miles
to Lai-chikok. In 1897 this
portion, i.e. the Western side
of the Peninsula, only contain-
ed 11,500 inhabitants.

(f.) Kowloon City.—For the pur-
poses of the Census, Kowloon
City has been included in the
Kowloon Peninsula, though
for certain purposes it is still
considered a part of the
Southern District of the New
Territories. An increase is
shown of 2,181, but this is
partly accounted for by the
presence of workmen engaged

on the various works of im-
provement now in progress.
A large scheme for reclaim-
ing the shallow part of the
bay in front of the city has
been under way for some
years, and is still progressing
though very slowly. A begin-
ning has already been made
with the erection of modern
houses on the reclamation; a
broad road is being construct-
ed to join Kowloon City to
Yau Ma Tei and Mongkok, and it
will not be long before the old
Chinese houses and narrow
lanes composing what is
known to Europeans as the
City, but to the inhabitants as
the lower suburb, have been
replaced by modern improve-
ments. Such rapid progress
is not however to be expected
here as on the Western side of
the Peninsula, which seems
for some reason to be greatly
preferred by the Chinese
population.
(To be continued.)

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"A THUNDERBOLT."

Lord Northcliffe's Recent Statement.

Lord Northcliffe's statements in Manila and Hongkong have come as a thunderbolt on the eve of the Washington Conference, says the *L. and C. Express*, of Nov. 3rd. His outspoken pronouncement that the Anglo-Japanese Alliance has outlived its usefulness has, beyond all doubt, echoed the prevailing sentiment in the United States, and has been endorsed in a certain degree by a large section of the community in this country. Had not the Dominion statesmen been so strongly in favour of its renewal at the recent Imperial Conference, this feeling would have found fuller expression here. It is significant that Lord Northcliffe gave his views in direct response to the Japanese Press, which has lately again been somewhat critical towards the Alliance, though in the first half of this year it was never weary in praising it. What effect Lord Northcliffe's frankness will have upon the Washington Conference remains to be seen, but it will undoubtedly strengthen the wide feeling in America and the growing opinion here against the renewal of the compact. If it should lead to a triple alliance between America, Great Britain, and Japan, Lord Northcliffe will have done the world a great service. But, if not, he will have rendered the task before the Conference infinitely more difficult by his outspokenness. His suggestion that there should be some kind of international aid given to China is another matter on which general opinion will be more or less agreed. Lord Northcliffe, however, shows little knowledge of China in holding up the Canton Government as almost a model, and stigmatising the Peking Government as being in the grip of Japan. The blunders of that old diplomatist, Wu Tingfang, would seemingly not have been in vain. At any rate, though sneers may be thrown at him, in both his statements he has given a lead in practical politics, which is precisely what has been wanted after an interminable period of vacillation and delay.

COMPANY REPORT.

Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., was held in London on the 12th December, when the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended 30th June 1921, was submitted. The following is an extract from the report:

The net result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the credit of Profit and Loss Account of £513,453, made up as follows:

Profit of Kaifu Mining Administration's	£56,474
Interest in Europe	72,221
Agency Fees	4,000
Sundry Receipts	321
Balance brought forward (after deducting £100,000 payments in full on 400,000 shares allotted as fully paid and £1,110 Sundries)	57,753
Total	£513,453

Deduct:	
Expenses in Europe	£ 16,075
Directors' Fees	4,391
Exchange	16,350
Income Tax	112,316
Loss on Sales of Government Stocks	41,942
Donation Famine Relief Funds	5,000
	155,774
Leaving a Net Balance of	£513,453

which the Directors recommended should be appropriated as follows:

Interim Dividend 10% (free of Income Tax) paid 22nd May, 1921 absorbed	£140,000
Final Dividend 12% (free of Income Tax) making 22% for the year	165,000
Expenses in connection with increase of Capital Reserve for Excess Profits duty	122,704
Corporation Profits Tax, estimated at	26,600
Directors' Percentage	9,123
Balance carried forward	21,740
Total	£513,453

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Rugby Section.

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Following on this, the Cup matches will take place, and circumstances and weather permitting the games will be on the following dates:

31st December Army v. Navy.
1st January Navy v. Club.
14th " Army v. Club.
21st " Navy v. Club.
28th " Club v. Army.
4th February Army v. Navy.

On form the Navy ought to win. The Army are unfortunate in being unable to obtain the services of many of their last season's players who appear to have sadly lost interest in the game, a game too which has ever received such wonderful support from our soldiers, both at home and abroad. Until the new regiment arrives they will be hard put to hold their own against either the Navy or the Club. The Club are a doubtful quantity. Provided they remain free from casualties they may do wonders. They are lighter than either of the other teams but what they lack in weight they possibly make up for in speed.

The Shanghai Rugby Club are making preparations to meet the Hongkong XV either late in February or early in March.

Provided the Hongkongers are prepared to "release" sufficient men for this trip a good team is assured. No doubt they will do so in accordance with that sporting spirit which is so widely found in the Far East.

GARRISON BILLIARDS.

Presentation of Trophies By The G.O.C.

At the Soldiers' Club last evening the final game in the Garrison Billiards Competition was played between Cpl. Snook, 2nd Wils., and Mr. Bayley, R.G.A., Lyemum. Although the game had no bearing on the ultimate destination of the cup, the Wils. having a lead of 332 points on previous games, great interest was taken in it. Among those witnessing the play were H.E. the G.O.C., Lt. General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, Major Culver, 2 Wils., President Soldiers Club Committee, Lt. Moore, M. V., 2 Wils., Secretary, G.S.M., H. Westlake M.M., and Mr. A. M. Thornhill, Manager.

Gr. Bayley won by 200 points to 149.

H.E. presented the trophies as under:

Soldiers Club Competition: 8 a-side.
Winners, 88 Co., R.G.A., 1,151 points; Runners-up, C. Co., Wils., 320 points.

88 Co., R.G.A. Wils.

Sgt. Barchard, C. Q. M. S. Baverstock.

Mr. Gr. Thomas, Sgt. Dmr. Porter, S. Sgt. Gillard, Sgt. Evans, Sgt. Miller, Cpl. Snook, Br. Taylor, Edsm. Small, Gr. Hewwood, Pte. Ford.

Highest break: Mr. Gr. Davies, 49.

In handing the cup to Sgt. Barchard, the G.O.C. congratulated 88 Co. on winning the trophy. Each man was then presented with a silver cup.

Volunteer Cup Competition: 8 a-side.

Winners 2 Wils., 1,470 points; 88 Co., R.G.A., 1,260 points.

2 Wils., 88 Co. R.G.A., C.Q.M.S.

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Sgt. Dmr. Porter, Sgt. Phillips, Sgt. Evans, Sgt. Marshall, Sgt. Smith, Gr. Bayley, Sgt. Cronan, Gr. Couzens, Cpl. Drew, Gr. Bush, Cpl. Snook, Gr. Frampton, Cpl. Clapham, Gr. Pascoe.

Highest break: Sgt. Barchard, 88 Co., R.G.A., 56.

In handing the cup to C.Q.M.S. Baverstock, the G.O.C. congratulated the Wils. on winning the cup and hoped that the Regiment would greatly prize the trophy, which showed the spirit of feeling existing between the donors of the cup and regular soldiers serving in the same garrison.

Each man in the winners and runners-up teams were presented with a silver cup. Major Culver thanked the G.O.C. for attending and presenting the trophies to the successful competitors. Three cheers for the G.O.C. were lustily given on the call of G.S.M. Westlake. The cup for the highest break in the Soldiers Club Competition was presented by Messrs. Bradley and Co.

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Friday, 16th December, 1921.

1. Parades.

Infantry Drill. will take place on Monday, 19th December, at Volunteer Headquarters, and Kowloon Docks on Friday, 23rd December, at 5.30 p.m. for TRAINED MEN and RECRUITS.

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Parade. The Company will parade at Headquarters on Monday, 19th inst. at 5.30 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

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NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 19th day of December, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Pokfulam in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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E. D. C. WOLFE, Captain Superintendent of Police Hongkong, 13th Dec., 1921.

NOTICE.

We have this day REMOVED our Office to No. 6, Des Voeux Road, above the Bank of Canton Limited.

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NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that on account of Mr. L. GAIN, present local manager having resigned, Mr. UGO GONELLA, will sign pro pro on and after December, 15th, 1921.

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TO ACTIVE SERVICE MEN.

All Active Service Men who are interested in the formation of an ACTIVE SERVICE MEN'S ASSOCIATION are invited to attend a Meeting in the Coronet Theatre on Sunday, 18th. December, at 11 a.m.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Industrial & Commercial Bank, Limited, will remove on Monday, November 28th, to York Building, No. 13 Chater Road.

NOTICE.

The Annual Christmas Treat given by the Members of the Catholic Union Club and their friends to the Pensioners under the care of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be held at the Cathedral Compound Glenesly, on Sunday, 18th December, 1921, at 2 p.m.

All those interested are cordially invited to attend.

HONGKONG HOTEL AND REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

Saturday, 24th. December
DINNER DANCING AT REPULSE BAY HOTEL

Boxing Day, Monday, 26th Dec.
"FANCY DRESS"
DINNER DANCING AT HONGKONG HOTEL GRILL

Wednesday, 28th. December
DINNER DANCING AT REPULSE BAY HOTEL

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Saturday, 31st December
"FANCY DRESS"
DINNER DANCING AT REPULSE BAY HOTEL

(Sunday being New Year's Day, the above Dinner Dance will commence from 7.30 p.m.)

Monday, 2nd. January, 1922
DINNER DANCING AT REPULSE BAY HOTEL

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THE Y. M. C. A.

Its Steady Growth.

Steady progress in its many activities is reported by the local Chinese Y. M. C. A. which to-day has a membership of 2,600 adults and about as many juniors. By the encouragement of athletic sports and exercises, with particular reference to volley-ball, basketball, swimming and gymnastics, the Y. M. C. A. has introduced a feature into its work which accounts for its growing popularity.

The Y.M.C.A. idea has spread to the various Anglo-Chinese schools in the Colony, with the result that there is hardly a school which does not possess a Y.M.C.A. in some form or another.

When the next big conference of Y.M.C.A. members of the Far East is held at Peking in April, the student members of the schools here will send two delegates each, the total number of the delegation being fixed at 15, including the leader, who will be selected from the City Y.M.C.A. (as distinguished from the Y.M.C.A. of the schools). It is confidently expected that when the next big drive for membership comes round next spring, the membership of the local institution will be greatly increased.

CRICKET.

I. R. C. v. K. C. C.

The following will represent the I.R.C. in their league match against the K.C.C. at home tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.—A. el Arculli, M. H. Abbas, A. H. Rumjahn, S. H. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, J. S. Curraem, D. Rumjahn, S. A. R. Ismail, O. Ismail, & F. M. Arculli.

The following have been selected to represent the K.C.C.—J. P. Robinson, J. Stalker, B. D. Evans, C. I. Stapleton, E. L. Braga, K. R. Macaskill, Capt. E. G. Spinks, F. G. Thompson, C. Dance, D. M. Goodall and Lt. A. G. Macdonald.

I.R.C. 2nd XI. v. K.C.C. 2nd XI.

The following will represent the I.R.C. 2nd XI in their league match against the K.C.C. 2nd XI on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.—A. Ali Moosdeen, E. Moosdeen, S. Abbas, O. A. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, N. B. Kitchell, R. Nazarin Y. A. Wahab, A. K. Minu, M. A. Sadick, Reserves—T. Hassan, & A. R. M. Samy.

The following have been selected to represent the K.C.C.—A. O. Brown, H. Overy, E. J. Edwards, L. E. S. Hodges, L. J. Blackburn, E. F. Spinks, F. E. Lawrence, F. Evelyn, W. B. Haslett, E. W. Alderson and A. Leach.

H. K. C. C. v. The Navy.

This match takes place on the Club Ground tomorrow, commencing at 12.15. The band of H. M. S. Hawkins will be in attendance. The following will represent the Navy—Lieut. Beatty, Rev. Cole Rees, Lieut. Franks, Lieut. Com. Greig, Midshipman Hyster, Lieut. Com. Jotham, Midshipman Shiffeld, Surg.-Lieut. Com. Stephen, Sub-Lieut. Stephenson, Lieut. Stewart, and Commander Wood.

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HONGKONG AND CHINA BRANCH.

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at the City Hall on Wednesday, 21st Dec., 1921, at 5.15 p.m. with the following objects—

1. To accept the Constitution of the "British Legion."

2. To confirm the existing Rules of the Branch, except in so far as the same conflict with the Constitution, pending the adoption of By-Laws to be drawn up by the General Committee and submitted to a General Meeting.

3. To appoint Auditors.

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THE BOOKSHELF.

(By "Librarian.")

THE HEART OF NATURE.

It is always a pleasure to read a book written by one who is thoroughly in love with his subject. This is the happy frame of mind of Sir Francis Younghusband, when he sets out to prove that all nature is beautiful if we only can see it, and that the full appreciation of her beauty must lead to that love of all things "both great and small" which pervades the man who "liveth best." This thesis he sets out in a volume entitled "The Heart of Nature, or the Quest for Natural Beauty." (Murray: 12s.) A great traveller and observer, gifted with powers of keen observation and above all with an artistic temperament, Sir Francis possesses experiences and gifts which specially qualify him to lead us to this field of research. We can follow him when he describes the unfolding of the many phases of natural beauty which are encountered in the gradual ascent from the plains of Eastern Bengal to the plateau of Tibet along the route (or one of the routes) that leads to Everest. The rank lush beauty of tropical vegetation slowly giving way to more temperate forms of life, leading ever upward towards Arctic conditions, till crowned finally by the glorious and crushing mysteries of the eternal snows—all this is told in such convincing language that one feels tempted again to tread those slippery ways. But Sir Francis is not altogether forgetful of the mosquitoes and leeches and other biting things enveloped in the slow winding mists which wrap themselves round the forest trees and tend to produce in the mind of the ordinary traveller a feeling of black depression.

He is not altogether forgetful, but he finds a weird form of beauty even in some of these things, which is ample compensation for mere discomfort. When, however, as Sir Thomas Hollich observes in some comments upon the volume, the author says that the thrill created by the contemplation of a butterfly's wing is sufficient to crush the irritation caused by more venomous insects into nothingness, it is not easy to follow him. We may possess the temperament and training of the artist and see many things in nature which the inartistic eye misses, and thereby we may meet with a fuller enjoyment of all her beauties, but we cannot (most of us) forget that nature can be cruel, ugly, and malevolent as well as beneficent and beautiful. It is through nature that we learn the scheme of the world's development, and so long as we perceive that it is by ruthless methods, by "tooth and claw," by pain and sacrifice, that progress is assured, we cannot always help the consciousness of these methods from tainting grey the ecstasy of our devotion to her physical charms. The book, however, is a book to give us something to think about, something to induce us to strive after a better understanding of the beauty of the world we live in. Sir Francis' volume has a timely interest now that an Everest expedition is in progress. It is not merely the accomplishment of a great geographical feat in ascending to the summit of Mount Everest, for instance, which has called for volunteers to the great

altitudes of Tibet. "There is no use in climbing Mount Everest," but, independently of the moral courage and endurance which a successful accomplishment must demand, it surely raises and strengthens the spiritual dignity of man in his unending fight for ascendancy over matter.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION.

In Harvey's Christmas Annual 1921, which is the tenth issue, a capital budget of stories has been assembled. The opening one is by Frank Elias, and its appropriate title, "Christmas Fireside Dramas," gives a clue to its character. A Christmas Queen by John Rankin provides the happy sentimental kind of tale that is sure of plenty of readers. A colonel's daughter, left penniless, becomes lady's-maid to Mrs. Newby-Rich, who, with Miss Newby-Rich, does her best to make the girl's life miserable. The colonel's daughter decides to become a "mill lass." The sole owner of the mill is Jim Brewster, who is "thirty, handsome, and unmarried." The inevitable sequel, with its delightful incidents, including a pointed snub of Miss Newby-Rich, is excellently related. In different vein is "It is Deceit," the work of Mrs. Kishama Row, a Bombay lady. It tells of a happy Hindu family, consisting of a farmer, his wife, and their little children. Pestilence comes, and, driven to want, they have to seek a livelihood in the big city of Bombay, where affliction and tragedy pursue them. It is a well-told tale of conjugal devotion in the face of fate. Another melancholy story, but of quite different type, is "The Hounded Household," which exercises considerable fascination. A. C. Greenwood, with "Love in the Balance," restores the balance of the reader by means of a jovial little narrative of adventure, and then we come upon a piece of pictorial humour by "Addie" showing a tragedy-comedy in the French Concession at Shanghai. Two capital efforts of the same kind are contributed by Mr. Ernest Mellow, another Shanghai black-and-white artist. One is a series of sketches showing a griffin taking lessons in the vernacular—or trying to; the other is a drawing of Mr. C. W. Porter, well known in the northern port's sporting circles as premier coxist. "A Tale of the Ghost" has no dismal creepiness about it. There was Lord de Strangeways, a dandy, and there was Mary Eliza Sims, and some years afterwards a young man appears upon the scene, wherefrom the tale reader promptly draws (totally erroneous) deductions. The tale is a scream. These are samples of the entertaining collection brought together by the editor of this agreeable Annual, which is published by Harvey's Agency, Ezra Road, Shanghai. Up there, where they have it lots colder, the volume will furnish capital reading over the fire—and it reads just as well under warmer skies.

A QUEUE OF CRAGSMEN.

Over 100 cragsmen attended the annual meet of the Rock and Fell Climbing Club at Coniston. They stood in queues at the foot of the Buttriss of Dows waiting their turn to start the ascent.

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FLASHES FROM THE STATES.

Wayne B. Wheeler says that if England would drink nothing but water she could pay us what she owes us. According to which logic as Uncle Sam drinks nothing but water he has so much money he doesn't need to collect any debts.—Louisville Courier Journal.

One good way to curtail armament would be to hire plumbers to build the battleships.—Tacoma Ledger.

John Barleycorn has had more obituaries written about him than any other living person.—Columbia Record.

"Good times are just around the corner." But it is hard to negotiate the corner on four flat tyres.—New York Morning Telegraph.

SCHOOL VOLLEY BALL.

Presentation of Prizes.

The prizes won in the Hongkong School Volley Ball League games, which have just been concluded, were distributed on the volley ball ground of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, performing the presentation, which was preceded by an exciting exhibition match played between winners of the Senior and Junior Divisions. The match, which was witnessed by a big gathering, resulted in a win for the senior team.

Inviting Mr. Wolfe to present the prizes, Mr. E. G. Stewart, Chairman of the League, said it was very unfortunate that so many of the teams in the Senior Division had dropped out during the season, (the twelfth), leaving the two old rivals to compete—St. Paul's College, the winners, and Queen's College, runners-up. In the Junior Division Queen's College's team was to be congratulated on their sustaining ability which won for them the first place, St. Paul's College being the runners-up. The trophy for the Small Boys' Division was won this year by Ellis Kadoorie School which had won it in all the previous seasons with the exception of one when the winners were Queen's College. Mr. Stewart said that the Open Volley Ball League would shortly have a Police team and interesting competition was anticipated. Hitherto most of the players who competed in the Open League were school boys who also participated in the School League competition. Mr. Stewart expressed his thanks to Mr. Ko Sik-wai, the Secretary, for the efficient manner in which he had run the three divisions.

Mr. Wolfe said he would like to express his gratitude to the Y.M.C.A. for assisting them in coaching the police in volley ball on the compound of the Central Police Station. He could not say that the police (the Europeans, the Chinese or the Indians) could in any way emulate what he had seen that afternoon and a few days ago when, just passing the Y.M.C.A. on a cursory patrol, he found himself neglecting his duty in order to watch a very interesting game of volley ball that was going on. He was afraid the excellence reached by the leading teams in the Colony was too high a standard for the police team, who, he believed, would not be in fine fettle before several years.

Cheers were called for Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Stewart and were lustily given.

SOLDIERS' ARTIFICIAL LEGS.

Lighter Type to be Issued.

The number of men who lost limbs during the war was about 41,000, of whom 5,000 were officers, and a Committee appointed by the Minister of Pensions has been inquiring for some months into the arrangements for the supply and repair of artificial limbs. The report of the Committee has been issued as a White Paper.

The evidence showed that complaints had been made concerning the artificial legs supplied for cases of amputation above the knee. The wooden legs originally supplied were, in most cases, unnecessarily heavy. The Ministry, with the assistance of the trade, has recently designed standard pattern wooden limbs, combining the latest improvements in mechanical efficiency and lightness, which will shortly be available for issue. The Committee think that the new wooden limb will prove satisfactory for most of the cases, but that the approved light metal limbs should be supplied when recommended by the surgeon.

LEASED TERRITORIES.

The Question of Retrocession.

In following the debates on Chinese affairs at Washington, it is necessary to distinguish carefully between what is and what is not reasonable in China's claims. We fight any suggestion of the cancellation of extraterritoriality and shall continue to do so, because in the present state of this country it would be nothing less than a crime to relinquish it and, by doing so, a great incentive to Chinese officials to mend their ways would be removed, states the North China Daily News. On the other hand, most people will, we think, agree that the Chinese Post Office is an admirable institution, doing work that often seems almost miraculous; and that if the continuance of its management on present lines can be guaranteed, it might well be allowed to supersede foreign post offices, some of which are certainly not free from the charge of grossly abusing their privileges in the matter of opium and noxious drug smuggling. Going further, it would be difficult to deny, in principle, the reasonableness of Dr. Wellington Koo's contentions for the restoration of leased territories. We have only to put ourselves in China's place and imagine similarly occupied spheres in our own countries, to realize what an offence these reservations must be to her amour propre. Furthermore the year 1993, from which they all date, is one of no very agreeable memory, which Europeans as well as Chinese might be not unwilling to efface.

But on closer examination it cannot fairly be contended that all these leases stand on the same footing. The rights of "user," are, we believe, admitted in law as superior to the most flawless paper title, and such rights might well be claimed by the foreign leaseholders in at least two cases. We think frankly that it would pay Japan handsomely both abroad and in this country to make plenary restitution of Kiaochow. It was originally wrested from China by a peculiarly shameless exercise of the mailed fist; and the promise of its restoration to her was, as everybody knows, a feature in the Japanese declaration of war on Germany. On the other hand, we cannot but sympathize with Mr. Hanjira's attitude on the Kwantung question. It must be remembered that the Russo-Japanese War was indeed a matter of life and death for Japan. She expended on it a vast amount of men and treasure and her only tangible gains were the leases of Kwantung and the South Manchurian Railway. Putting ourselves back to the state of mind of Russia and of the world towards Russia before that war, can anyone, Chinese or foreign, say that he would ever have expected Russia voluntarily to disgorge those possessions? Japan's contention would naturally be that she took from Russia something which in no circumstances could China have expected to recover; and she has proceeded to develop these properties with all her native energy. These are facts which cannot be ignored. Similarly in respect of the Kowloon leased territory, as Mr. Balfour explained that stretch of country is vitally necessary to the defence of Hongkong. Furthermore Great Britain has spent and is spending very large sums in its development; and it is a plain statement of fact that she owes a duty to all who use Hongkong and who profit by its immense business influence whether they be Britons, foreigners or Chinese. The unhappily divided state of China's government is against Dr. Wellington Koo. The energy of foreigners in these regions has established a "user" which China cannot justly dispute.

NOVEL WAYS OF TRIMMING SLEEVES.



By Marian Hale.

Although the sleeves of the thing, so far as size goes, there's a lot to be said about sleeve trimming.

Chenille and cire ribbon are rivals for attention this year.

In a frock of black, indestructible chiffon voile, cire ribbon is used with a lavish hand.

The huge angel sleeves which reach to the wrist are banded

with seven rows of this shiny ribbon. Fifteen rows encircle the full skirt.

Chenille, softer and more pliable, is used most gracefully on the Rantner gown of drapelle. The sleeves—long, flowing and bell-shaped—are heavily worked in chenille. The same designs decorate the skirt of this straight-lined frock.

WARSHIPS AND BIRTH-CONTROL.

An Admiral's Comparison.

As quoted by the Mainichi Adm. Takarabe the Commander-in-Chief of the Sasebo Naval Station, only does lip-service to the naval reduction scheme expounded by the American Government. He says that it took the Powers by surprise. Although it is a good thing to reduce naval armaments, he says, it is open to grave doubt how long any agreement that may be concluded among the Powers in this connection will prove truly binding. Coming as it did at a time when the Powers were entirely war-weary, the Washington Conference was participated in by them with enthusiasm, but it is only human to forget God when once the danger is passed. Just as a woman goes on begetting children in spite of her solemn resolution of birth-control when she was in travail, rivalry in naval armaments is sure to be resumed.

Unless some very effective guarantee is provided against this contingency the proposed disarmament agreement will be destined to early failure. Admiral Takarabe goes on to repudiate a theory advanced in some quarters that the enforcement of the naval reduction scheme under discussion will throw no less than 100,000 shipyard workers out of employment, and says that such fears are ill-founded. If the naval armaments decide to meet the situation by taking no positive steps of dismissing men but by allowing the staff of workers to dwindle by natural process, there will be no fear of a very serious question of unemployment arising. Moreover, the Government can turn the expenditure saved by the naval reduction to the relief of the unemployed.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared by the 20th Dec., 1921, will be subject to rent.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 13th Dec., 1921.

WORLD WIDE SPORT.

S. Bloomer, the famous old English internationalist, thinks Andrew Wilson is the best centre-forward in the land.

Sir Abe Bailey is retiring from the turf in England owing to pressure of business.

Fifty years ago the English Football Association decided to establish a challenge cup. The first trophy, valued about £20, was paid for by subscription. There were 15 entries the first year. Among the dozen clubs which took part were the Queen's Park.

A wide circle of football friends will be deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mr. G. E. Crabbie, the Edinburgh Academical and Scottish Rugby player. He was a member of a family well known in Scottish sport. At the Academy he early showed his aptitude for games and athletics and won a variety of honours in the field and on the track. He was captain of the school fifteen, and afterwards became a well-known figure in the Rugby field, representing Edinburgh in the Inter-City match and playing for Scotland in the 1904 team against Wales. During the war he rose to the rank of major, and was invalided home from France, and never really recovered from the illness then contracted. His elder brother, Mr. J. E. Crabbie, advocate, was formerly a notable personality both in Oxford University and Scottish Rugby, and represented his country several times in the International Field. Mr. W. M. Crabbie, the younger brother of the deceased, represented Scotland in athletics.

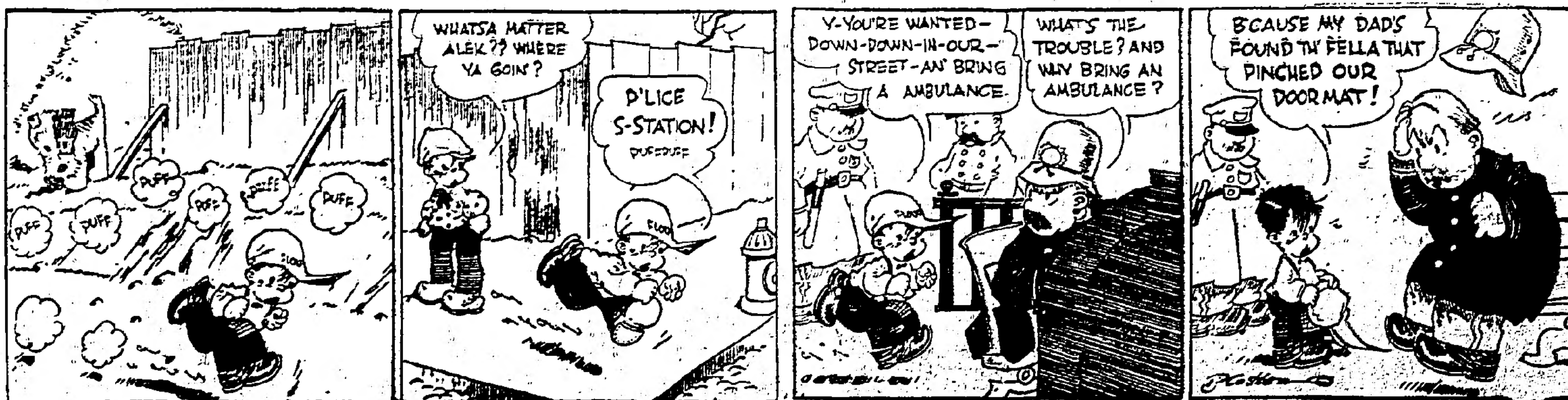
Dr. J. A. Paterson, now of the Arsenal, and formerly of the Rangers, is not against a football player smoking, provided it suits him to do so. But he says: "I do not know any man in first-class football who is an excessive smoker. He would not be long a first-class footballer if he were."

The Scottish Juvenile Association have already close on 600 clubs under their jurisdiction and there are a number of associations yet to become affiliated. With such a membership Local Control Boards must sooner or later come into being. The present system is neither satisfactory to the clubs nor the Association.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1921.

VISCOUNT GREY'S SPEECH.

Just as everybody has developed a congratulatory mood over the results of the Washington Conference, Viscount Grey comes along in the role of Jeremiah. Perhaps that is an incorrect statement. After all, his lordship is only saying plainly what most people out here have been feeling all through the proceedings. This does not mean that there may not still be plenty of matter for congratulation, and perhaps Lord Grey's outspokenness, instead of being merely a cold douche, is rather an additional subject for congratulation as evincing that there are some in the Old Country who are alive to the internal situation of China. Lord Grey says that the real difficulty in the Far East has not been solved by the Conference, because the problem of China remains. When his lordship says this we take him to mean, not that the quadruple agreement contains no reference by name to China, this being purposely omitted out of consideration for Chinese sentiment, but simply that while China continues in an unstable condition no permanent tranquillity is to be looked for—in other words, that the solution really rests with China herself, and only China.

This, we take it, is true practically to the point of being a truism, which is not to say that Lord Grey's declaration was unnecessary, having regard to the comparative lack of knowledge at home in relation to Far Eastern affairs. If his lordship also meant to imply—which, however, we do not think can have been the case—that the Conference had been ineffectual by reason of some shortcomings on the part of the Powers, we do not see how such an allegation can well stand. The Powers seem to have gone as far as was practicable in the existing circumstances. His lordship says that while chaos prevails in China the countries interested in the republic may be "drawn into interference, which might produce great difficulties between themselves, besides injuring China." Such a possibility exists. At the same time it is not easy to see what more the Powers could have done, and, indeed, Lord Grey seems scarcely to give them sufficient credit for what they have done. By the Root resolutions they pledge themselves all round to observe China's territorial integrity.

The most unsatisfactory feature of the Conference has been the default of China's spokesmen in relation to internal reform, upon which the problem so largely hinges. The Chinese delegates have naturally declared and reiterated the republic's desire for sovereign independence, but of proposals which would square the republic's administration with this aspiration there has been no tangible word. China stipulates for a "hands off" policy, and to this the Powers agree; but neither the politicians at Peking nor their delegates at Washington show any lively sense of the realities. The Conference has laid down broad principles with clearness. It is true that there are still outstanding questions which cannot easily be reconciled with the resolutions passed at Washington, though some of them, including the vexed Shantung question, seem to be at last in a fair way to a settlement. The remaining questions bring us back to the starting-point—the necessity of China taking her task in hand. Lord Grey, one of the most liberal of statesmen, calls upon her, as we understand him, to do this. Will China give heed?

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Our Census.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, the Census Officer, is, on the whole, to be congratulated on the publication at such a comparatively early date of his voluminous report on the census taken in April of this year. In very many respects the report is extremely valuable—it is certainly comprehensive. Nevertheless, it is a great pity that its accuracy has been impaired by a variety of causes, not the least of which was the foolish rumour which prevailed at the time the check was being made. It is also a fact that quite a number of the forms were never collected. The statistics must be studied with the thought always in mind that they are approximate rather than accurate, and we cannot help thinking that to spend over \$22,000 to obtain such a result was a little heavy, notwithstanding Mr. Lloyd's opinion to the contrary. Regarding the growth of the several communities there is more than enough evidence to show that this Colony is a thriving one and the ten years' increase in the general population proves this point up to the hilt. The foreign population is not so large as one would have expected. Fancy, there are only 2,039 people here who were born in England, only 378 who were born in Scotland and only 157 born in Ireland. The number of non-Chinese Britishers born in Hongkong easily heads the foreign list. The Japanese community has shown a remarkable growth. When one consults the list showing the occupations of non-Chinese there is quite a deal of interest. Mr. Lloyd will possibly get a little criticism from those employed on the four foreign newspapers for they are not given any classification at all. So far as the Census Returns show there are no foreign newspapers in the Colony and the men who work on them don't exist. We see there are supposed to be eighteen British composers in the Colony (we don't know of them ourselves) but for newspaper men, generally lumped under the designation of "journalists," there is not a single entry. Without trying to carp we should be interested to know under what heading they have been placed. But, to be really honest about the report and the tables, there has been a tremendous amount of work well done, for which Mr. Lloyd and those associated with him should be given the credit.

Another Rift.

We notice that there is to be a meeting next Sunday morning in the Coronet Theatre for all those interested in the formation of an Active Servicemen's Association. What is this? A split in the ranks of the British Legion? If it is, then those who betake themselves to join the "Active" ranks will be guilty of unadvised snobbery. We hesitate to revive a discussion regarding the various grades of those who served in the war, because when such a discussion raged a few weeks ago it was getting almost unsavoury but we feel bound to say a few words about this new association now mooted. The British Legion was formed for all ex-servicemen; that much has been proved by the receipt in the Colony of the actual rules and regulations from Home. And it would now appear that some local men who went to the front are averse to being in an association which also includes those of auxiliary forces that they are planning to break away and form a little affair all on their own. Such an act reminds us of the Pharisee who turned his head from the general throng saying "Thank God, I am not as others." If going to the war and fighting for your country has made some men too proud to associate with those who did a little less than they did, then the war was a greater tragedy than we formerly thought it. When Earl Haig became the head of the British Legion he could never have thought that those who served the King in their own small way, wherever they were, would have been ostracised by those who actually saw the smoke of battle. It wasn't given out to be in France, or Salonica or on any of the other battlefronts, but some of those who stayed behind did their bit willingly and well—as civilians and as soldiers too. And where is the line going to be drawn among the "active" men? Let us not forget that many of the men who went to France never saw or heard a shot fired. Our own idea of an ex-servicemen's association is one in which all those who actually took part in the Great War should be banded together for their common good. The rule of the British Legion has been designed in a spirit of generosity and with the object to avoid the very thing now being made apparent in this Colony.

DAY BY DAY.

WE LOOK FOR A REMEDY IN IMPOSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS AND THERE IS BUT ONE REMEDY WHICH WILL AVAIL—THE THING WHICH WE CALL PUBLIC OPINION.—J. A. Frowde.

There was one fatal case of plague reported yesterday.

According to to-day's Command Orders, the 2nd. Batt. Wiltshire Regt. will sail for Bombay on the s.s. Himalaya on or about January 17th.

Messrs. T. L. Teo and G. Sitpoh, representatives of the South China Trading Co. Swatow, are returning to Swatow by the s.s. Hydrangea to-day.

The final for the Railway Cup of the Ladies' Golf Section was played on Monday after a drawn match on the 9th, and resulted in a win for Miss Coppinger who beat Miss Crawford by 3 up and 2 to play.

Two Chinese shopkeepers were charged this morning under the regulations passed last July prohibiting the sale of sand crackers. Mr. R. E. Lindsell discovered that though the offence was mentioned in section 16, no provision was made for a penalty. This unexpected hitch made an adjournment of the case necessary, to enable the Magistrate to consider the position.

Last night's cabaret dance at the Kowloon Theatre proved another popular success. The limited issue of tickets was soon exhausted and several patrons were unable to gain admission. There is, however, to be a special evening dress dance next Tuesday and it is advisable to secure tickets for it from Montreux's as soon as possible. The price has been fixed at two dollars (including light refreshments.)

That there is in existence in the Colony a big gang of counterfeiters is evidenced in a case before the Court this morning, the third to be produced in the course of a week. A small boy was yesterday seen by a Chinese constable to act in a suspicious manner—looking right and left in an uneasy way as he entered a money changer's shop. Acting on his suspicions, the constable searched him and took from his pocket nine Chinese banknotes which on careful inspection were discovered to be false. Examination of the boy brought out the statement that he was engaged to change the notes by a man whose whereabouts the police have failed to discover. His Worship ordered that ten strokes of the rattan be inflicted on the defendant.

Major-General J. S. Fowler, C.B., C.M.G., who has been appointed to the command of the troops in China, commanded the troops in the Straits Settlements since February last. Major-General Fowler passed his regimental service in the South Lancashire Regiment and the Indian Army, joining the latter in 1895 after two years' service in the former. He reached the rank of lieutenant-colonel in 1907, brigadier-general in 1914, and major-general in 1917. As a company officer he served in the Laizi Expedition, 1892, took part in the Chitral campaign of 1895, in the course of which he was in the defence of the British post at Reshan, was wounded, and subsequently shared in other affairs (mentioned in despatches, D.S.O. medal with clasp). He was engaged in both the Mohmand campaign and the Tirah Expedition 1897-98 (mentioned in despatches, two clasps), and in the South African War of 1900-2 was in various operations in Orange River Colony, and was Director of Telegraphs for some time (mentioned in despatches promoted brevet major, Queen's and King's medals with five clasps). He earned much distinction in the Great War, commanding a brigade of the Indian Expeditionary Force "D." Eight times he was mentioned in despatches, promoted major, general, awarded the C.B., C.M.G., American medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Order of St. Vladimir, 1914 Star. General Fowler is an Irishman.—L. and C. Express.

for their common good. The rule of the British Legion has been designed in a spirit of generosity and with the object to avoid the very thing now being made apparent in this Colony.

MR. EDWARD EZRA DEAD.

Sudden Seizure Proves Fatal.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, Dec. 15.
Mr. Edward Ezra was stricken with apoplexy at 12.30 to-day. He died later in the Victoria Nursing Home.

INDIANS CHARGED.

A Serious Case.

Two Indian watchmen were charged before Mr. Wood at the Police Court this morning with being in possession of a German made automatic, 49 rounds of ammunition of a corresponding calibre, and 35 tablets of opium. The A.S.P. said that Sergeant Kelly, of the Wanchai Police, searched Mody's Godown at No. 192 Praya East where defendants were employed, at 12.45 p.m. yesterday and on a bed occupied by the first defendant, the things mentioned in the charge were concealed. The second defendant was also included in the charge because he was known to have slept there. A heavy penalty was asked for in the event of a conviction.

On the application of Mr. Leo Longinotto, who appeared for the defence, the case was adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

The Tail of the Chow Dog.

Sir.—In the official account of Lord Macartney's "First Embassy to China" the Chinese dog is described as follows:—"It is a small species with a long recurved tail, of which caprice or fashion does not deprive him, and which is generally leaning to the left, as Linnaeus remarks of the domestic dog." (Italics mine).

Some of your readers who are authorities on dogs might be able to tell us if left-tailedness in the chow dog might be used as a test of purity of breed. The local chow dogs seem to be about evenly divided between those which have their tails to the right and those which have them to the left.

If breeders could discover whether this characteristic (i.e. direction of the twist of the tail) followed any rule (say), was constant if both parents were left-tailed, or followed Mendelian principles, might it not be used to judge the breed of chows?

Of course, such a characteristic has no survival value but how few of the "points" of a chow—her ears, her dark tongue, the set of her hind limbs—seem to be vital?

I have not had facilities to trace the reference to Linnaeus, Darwin, beyond the general statement that "the tail of no wild animal is curled", has little to say on the tails of dogs.

Mr. Collier, in his new book on the Dogs of China and Japan, does not seem to refer to their tails though he figures left-tailed and right-tailed dogs.

Yours, etc.

A. H. C.
Hongkong Dec. 16th.

The S. P. C. A.

Sir.—Kindly allow me the privilege of sharing your valuable columns in order to reply to the letter from "Another Member" which appeared in your paper yesterday.

I should like to point out that absence of criticism does not justify the conclusion that the majority of the people of this Colony are totally indifferent to the welfare of dumb animals. It would be more prudent of "Another Member" if he had, before jumping to this conclusion, endeavoured to discover along with his colleagues the motives which keep other lovers of animals aloof from the Society and whether all and every facility is afforded to such persons to join the said Society. Merely seeking information through the papers is not always the best way of getting the information sought.

The writer does not believe that so much cruelty to animals exists as to necessitate all lovers of animals to pull together. Rather does he believe the existence of cruelty to human beings—be particular, to native boys and girls—and that a Society for the prevention of cruelty to these should appeal with a greater force to the kind-hearted and generous.

Yours etc.
"NON-MEMBER"
Hongkong, Dec. 16.

CHARITY CONCERT.

Madame Lottie Gordon's Success.

From the point of view of attendance, Madame Lottie Gordon's Christmas concert at the City Hall yesterday afternoon was a huge success. The concert was under the patronage of Lady Stubbs, and was specially arranged by Madame Gordon for the Christmas Gift Fund for the Blind Home, Pokfulam Home and the Home for the Aged, Kowloon. The audience was an enthusiastic one and the St. Andrew's Hall was packed to its utmost seating capacity, which, considering the good cause in which the concert was in aid, was very gratifying.

Madame Gordon contributed a number of classical items on the piano which were heartily applauded. Mrs. A. O. Brown furnished "Flower Song" from Faust and as an encore rendered that old favourite "Give Me Thy Sympathy." Mrs. E. O. Drake scored a great success with "Il Bacio" and Tosti's "Goodbye," which she furnished as an encore, received much applause. Two items which were greatly appreciated were "Romance Cossais to le Pays" and "Beloved" from "Mignon," which were rendered by Mrs. W. W. Pearce. Miss Dorothy Skobart, accompanied by Mr. Eric Rice, achieved great popularity with her contributions, and Mrs. D. Cameron fascinated her audience with "Down Vauxhall Way," and in a vocal duet from Verdi's "Il Trovatore" with Mr. W. R. Crow. Mr. Crow also furnished two solos, which he sang with his accustomed fine style and greatly added to his popularity as a singer. C. Arundell's "Prayers" was given by Miss Nellie Williams, who was deservedly applauded for her rendering of this item, and Mr. Edward Buschaert contributed two violin solos. Mr. Gibbison, who possesses a really extraordinary voice, was responsible for Sanderson's "Tired Hands."

Madame Lottie Gordon acted as accompanist to most of the

"THE SILVER KING."

Famous Melodrama At The Coronet.

Taking one of the most famous melodramas ever written for the English stage and presenting it on a scale for transcending its original setting, Paramount has achieved fine success with Henry Arthur Jones' "The Silver King," which comes to the Coronet Theatre this evening. The story is unusually forceful. Wilfred Denver, open-hearted and unsuspecting, makes a bitter enemy of Godfrey Ware when he marries the woman Ware had hoped to win for himself. Denver is induced to put all his money on the wrong horse and is later led to believe that he killed his unsuccessful rival while under the influence of liquor following his ruin. He escaped to America leaving his wife and children penniless. After a hard struggle he becomes a wealthy miner known in the West as the "Silver King." The moment he strikes it rich he sends money home to his wife but it is diverted by the man who really killed Ware. How Denver returns under an assumed name and eventually succeeds in bringing Ware's murderer to justice is a story that has withstood the test of time and held generations of playgoers spellbound. William Faversham, the well-known American stage actor, easily proves his right to head the cast as William Denver, while the other roles are all capably sustained. A wonderful play and a fine film.

Items and the Misses Honor and Rosamond Hancock, Mary Sanders, Iris Torton and Gillian Pearce, under the supervision of Mrs. Raitton, assisted by selling programmes.

At the conclusion of the concert Madame Gordon thanked the audience for their support and sympathy with her efforts on behalf of the deserving causes for which the entertainment was in aid.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

I had a nice little chit sent me yesterday pointing out some inconsistencies in my remarks about the picture exhibition, and art generally. In fairness to any that may have felt sore at what I said, I'd have liked to print this letter but I must respect the "private and confidential" marked thereon. I don't think I'd be doing anything backhanded though, if I were to comment on two points raised by the writer. Let me quote the first.

"It (painting) is not so simple to do as you evidently imagine." Quite so. If you note my reply to Joe you'll observe that I had already anticipated that sort of remark when I said that to know a bad egg it wasn't necessary to be able to lay one. I realise at the same time that it's very irritating to hear a man talking all the time as if he'd were in partnership with the Almighty in the matter of setting the world aright. I'm very touchy that way myself. I also realise that the advice a man needs is usually what he dislikes to hear, and I'm no forgetful of the fact that a mother may realise that her baby does and says things similar to other babies and that she also realises that her baby says and does them much better than the other babies. It's much the same way with pictures.

I do realise that to paint isn't simple. That's a lesson I learnt long ago. The point that I was really trying to make though was that something original within the confines of a frame isn't necessarily a picture. No, I'm no' trying to be smart. It's the solemn truth. Now there seems to me to be an implied challenge in the statement I've quoted. I'm no' a member of the Art Club (having to work for a living) but I'm perfectly willing to prove that when I criticise pictures I know what I'm talking about. Ay, I'll even go to the extent of accepting the dictum that in order to qualify as a critic I must be able to paint a picture myself. Given due permission then, I'll only be over pleased to show them. That's no' said boastfully but just to prove that I'm no bluffing. At the same time, if there was a side bet on it, business, I'd be all the better pleased. When a Scotsman's willing to run a risk like that you can take it from me that he's in earnest.

My correspondent also raises another point. "A person may be an indifferent artist and his product still be an expression of himself." That's only too true. Anything creative must always be so. But what I tried to point out was that pictures must reflect thought on the part of the painter as well as being just an attempt to reproduce. All art has been defined as the expression of emotion and so it is, makes whether it be painting, music or even poetry. All painting should reflect the emotions (or thoughts) of the artist and that was where so many of the City Hall exhibits fell short. There was no thought; there was simply a mechanical effort—form without spirit. There are many folk who cannot draw (in the true sense of the word) who are nevertheless artists in so far that they can express themselves readily enough. All bosh? Just wait a moment.

Our wee yin goes to a Sunday School in Kowloon and part of the curriculum is the telling of a biblical story after which the kiddies are given paper and pencil and coloured crayons with which to draw something illustrating some phase of it. Now, that's no' so easy as it sounds and a test that I'm sure not a few members of the Art Club would shrink from. I've seen a few of the results myself and was agreeably surprised. Lots of the drawings were very crude (as was to be expected from mere children) yet every one of them was a registration in some form or another of the impressions created in youthful minds by the recital of the story. Just as some of the cave illustrations of Paleolithic man told their story, so did these childish drawings truly reflect and express the thoughts of their creators.

One point I must make clear and I finish. This Sunday School didn't set the kiddies a drawing lesson. No the man who invented yon method of instruction got inside something more than the common form of expression—speech. We speak even the smallest cat. Decide for a time but ye canna make a pictorial falsehood and hope to get away with it.

Of all things which have to reach the brain through the medium of the eye, pictures are the most valuable, and just because of that they ought to be the most truthful.

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FOOTBALL

To-morrow's Matches.

BY "QUIZ"

The League matches fixed for to-morrow are—

DIVISION I.

Kick off 4 p.m.

Hongkong Club v. H.M.S. Titania—Club ground.
H.M.S. Tamar v. Wiltshires—Navy "B" ground.
R.G.A. v. S.C.A.—Sookunpoo ground.
H.M.S. Cairo v. Hongkong Police—South China ground.
H.M.S. Ambrose v. Kowloon—Navy "A" ground.

DIVISION II.

Kick off 4 p.m.

Kowloon Reserves v. South China "B"—Kowloon ground, Happy Valley.
Punjabis v. H.K. Club Reserves—Railway ground, Kowloon.
University v. St. Joseph's—Navy "A" ground.
South China "A" v. Wiltshires—South China ground.
Secretaries of Clubs should endeavour to turn their teams out at the advertised times. Two teams are now on the report for turning out late.

The Titania pick up their fixture arranged for Nov. 5th, with the Club on the Club ground to-morrow. Last week the Club were without England who is expected out this week. The game should end in a win for the home team who may probably take the field without their right back Gerard. The sailors can still call upon their old commission and are expected to turn out a strong side on the Club ground. Kowloon will be an absentee as the "A" team badly with knee trouble.

A very fast game will be seen at Sookunpoo between the S.C.A. and R.G.A. and on form, the Chinese should win. They feel at home on this ground as they played most of their practice games there two seasons ago before it was handed over to the Garrison. The R.G.A. play better football at Sookunpoo than they do at the Valley as the width of the field suits their style of play, although the sailors beat them last Saturday by two goals to nil. The R.G.A. played them to a goalless draw in the U.S. League on Wednesday last and were unlucky not to win.

Ambrose receive Kowloon on Navy "A" ground and although Kowloon have had two lucky wins in the last fortnight this game should see the sailors win their first match in the League this season. Kowloon had the assistance of Doggerall last week and the front line was strengthened by his inclusion. Coombes should be given more to do as he is a very useful player.

The remaining matches are return ones as owing to the absence of the Curlew two matches down for Jan. 28th have been brought forward for to-morrow.

Cairo meet the Police in their return fixture on the South China ground and the sailors should win. Stevenson will be out again to lead the attack but Burke is uncertain as he is down to play Rugby against the Club early in the afternoon. Valentine and Pearson should be out again after a week's rest and a fast game should be seen. The last match between these teams ended in a draw—one all.

The Tamar receive the Wiltshires on the Navy "B" ground in their return match and the sailors will be out to reverse the last result.

when they went down to the soldiers by 1 to 3. The Wiltshires are out to win for they are only a point behind the sailors who head the league with 11 points.

In the Junior division the best game should be seen on the South China ground between South China "A" and Wiltshires. The "A" team is falling off while "B" seems to be improving, the latter beating the University last week by 2 to nil. The meeting between "A" and "B" next week will be looked forward to with great interest.

The Punjabis should secure their first win this season by beating the Club on the Railway ground at Kowloon and repeat their success of last season when they beat the Club at home.

Kowloon Reserves should go down to South China "B" on the Kowloon ground at Happy Valley and University should win against St. Joseph's on Navy "A" ground.

DIVISION I.

League table to date—

Club	P.W.L.D.	Goals	Av.	Asst.	Points
H.M.S. Tamar	7	51	13	4	11
S.C.A.	7	41	2	10	10
Wiltshires	7	52	0	16	9
H.M.S. Curlew	6	41	1	10	7
H.K. Police	7	33	1	10	14
H.K. Club	6	12	3	2	4
R.G.A.	5	23	0	7	6
*Kowloon	7	34	0	6	10
H.M.S. Cairo	6	13	2	3	6
H.M.S. Ambrose	6	0	5	1	14
H.M.S. Titania	4	0	3	2	7

12 points added.

*2 points deducted.

The Teams.

The following will represent the Club against the Titania—G. Rodger, J. Rodger (Capt.) and J. McCubbin, J. W. K. McPhail, J. Stewart, A. Mair, D. H. Banner, A. Forsyth, S. D. Begg, W. Kuhn, and E. G. England.

The following will represent Kowloon 1st Eleven against the Ambrose—Crocker, Murison Os-wick, Coupland, Weyman (Captain) McKelvie Roberts, Doggerall, Townsend, A. Duncan and Coombes—Res. Millard.

The Kowloon 2nd Eleven versus S.C. (B) will be—Hallam, Spary and Mason (Captain) Muskett, Harland, Brown, Evan, Morley, Pasco, Hayward and Estorff. Res. Rasmussen and Norton.

The following will represent the H.K. Club Reserves versus the Punjabis—R. Hutchison, J. Israel, W. Priceard, S. Sorensen, J. MacDonald, R. Duncan, V. Hart, G. Angus, W. Hyde, D. Banner and P. Beesley.

NOTABLE COMPOSER.



CHOPIN.

Polish Composer of Early Nineteenth Century.
Frédéric François Chopin (1810-1849), the great Polish pianist and composer, was rightly called "The Poet of the Piano." Although he deeply loved his native Poland, Chopin lived almost all of his short life in Paris and he is classified as a member of the French Romantic School. Much of his music reflects his love for his own land, this being particularly noticeable in his great Sonata in D minor, as well as the many Krakowiaks, Mazurkas, and Polonaises, which he immortalized in concert form.

No composer ever exerted a greater poetic charm over the world than did Chopin. He wrote two concertos for piano and orchestra, all his other compositions, with the exception of a few songs, being written for his chosen instrument, the piano.

MILITARY POLONAISE.
This great composition, in the form of the Polish Court Dance, is a striking example of Chopin's patriotism, which is so often noticeable in his work. More a stately march than a dance, the Polonaise always follows the regulation dance pattern. This Polonaise is an excellent illustration of a national composition in the form of a dance.

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Both defendants pleaded not guilty and were dismissed because the prosecutor did not appear.

However, the master of one of the launches—the Wan Fook—was charged, at the instance of Kenneth Andrew, A.P.S. A150 with failing to stop when he was called upon to do so by the police officer. The latter said that while on duty in the harbour he saw the police flag hoisted on the Hui Chow. He went on board and the master informed him that the steam launch had come alongside the ship before she had made fast. Witness called to defendant to come alongside, but the launch steamed to westward. He was certain that those on board the launch heard him call because they all turned and looked at him and then went away.

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CAMERA NEWS



Two serious men in serious conversation. The man gestulating with his thumb is Lloyd George and the other offering an attentive ear to the premier, is Ambassador Harvey.



Queen Sophie of Greece is 50 years of age, though she appears younger.



Left to right: Prince Tokugawa, Admiral Kato and Secretary Hughes. Secretary Hughes met the Japanese arms conference delegates on their arrival at the Union station in Washington.



General A.V. Diaz, of Italy, the first of the great allied commanders to visit America, smiles as the crowds cheer him, on his arrival in America.



Most every man laughs when he sees his wife manipulate a spade. King George is no exception. Notice his smile as he watches Queen Mary, planting a tree at the National Institute of Agricultural Botany at Cambridge.

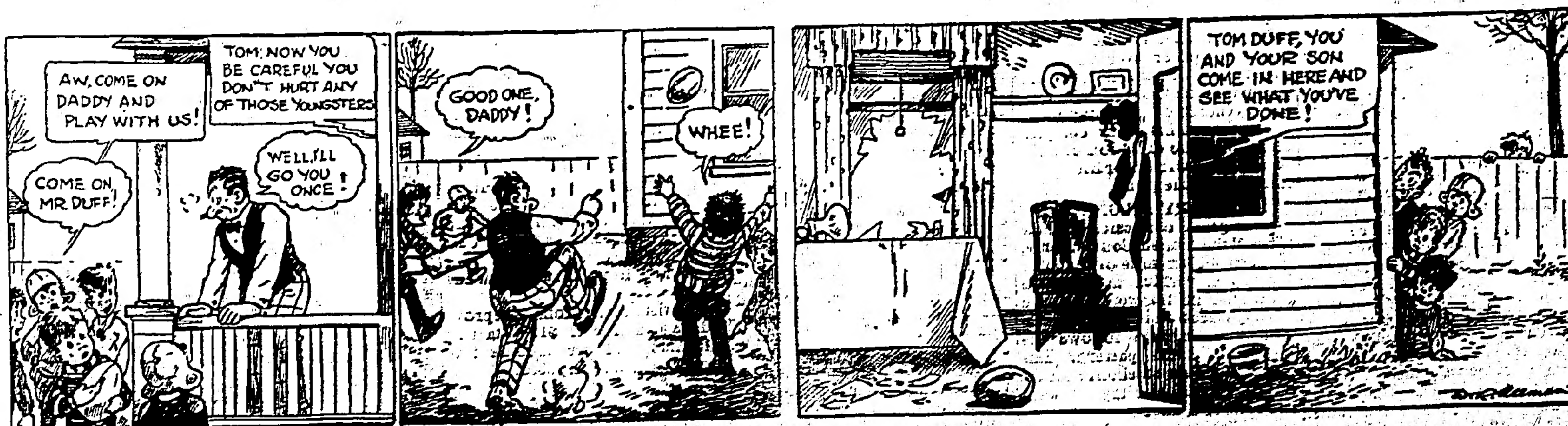


Lord Lee, a member of the British delegation to Washington.

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Sir Herbert Samuel, the High Commissioner, opened the Palestine Museum of Antiquities in Jerusalem. During the war the Turks took all the antiquities to Constantinople, and 20 cases packed for Germany were intercepted when Jerusalem surrendered. A chain of museums is now to be opened throughout Palestine.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

JAVAN HARBOURS.
The Dutch East Indian Government has resolved to take in hand the urgent task of extension and improvement, need for which has long been felt, of the harbours of East Java. Recognizing that it has been the lack of funds which has hitherto prevented the execution of this work, the authorities at Batavia have decided on the levy of a special tax in the different harbours concerned in the scheme.

AMERICAN CONTRACT AT MUKDEN.

A contract covering the purchase of additional equipment for the large cotton-spinning mill at Mukden, was placed recently with an American firm. The new contract covering the purchase of an additional 10,000 spindles and 100 looms, as well as the purchase of a 1,000-kilowatt turbine power plant, represents an expenditure of approximately \$350,000.

GERMAN REPARATION DYES.
Regarding the disposal of about 800,000 kins of German dyes, now stored in the Kobe Toshin Warehouse, the Government is reported to have determined to sell them slowly over a period of three years, fearing that if they were sold at one time, it would prove subversive of the trade. It is not clear why the authorities who were in haste to deal with the dyes owing to the storage charges, etc., have suddenly changed their attitude but it is thought that they recognise the impossibility of making a 500-per-cent promise with the private dyers, and intend to debar the Nippon Dyestuff Company from purchasing the dyes. The Government is further reported to have decided to refuse the acceptance of German dyes as "reparation" goods in consideration of the bitter experience already obtained. —Japanese Chronicle.

POLISH-DANZIG ECONOMIC SETTLEMENT.

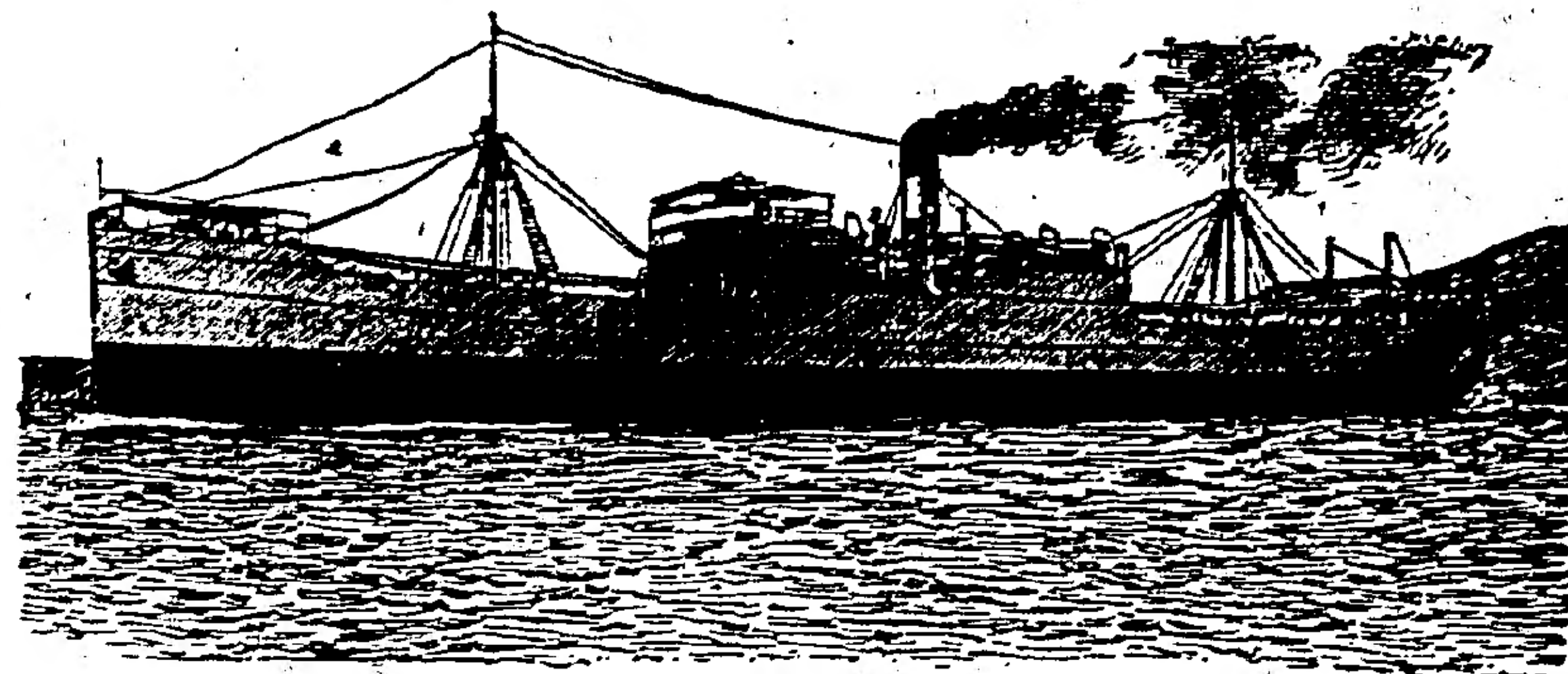
A Warsaw message says—The Polish-Danzig Treaty signed in Warsaw marks a new epoch in Polish-Danzig relations. The treaty provides for joint economic administration, and from January 1 the Polish-German Custom frontier will extend to the sea, with free trade between Poland and the Free State of Danzig. The signing ceremony was attended by every evidence of solemnity and goodwill. The Danzigers employed the historic seal which since the year 1340 has remained at Danzig. The subsequent reception was attended by all representatives of diplomacy, including M. Karschan, who made his first public appearance as Soviet representative. The commercial treaty between Poland and Czechoslovakia was signed on October 20. These two treaties, together with the wholehearted acceptance of the Silesia decision, are proof of the Polish desire for a settlement of her frontier entanglements by diplomacy, and an earnest hope that the settlement of still outstanding questions will proceed on similar lines.

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BOY CONFESSES TO TWO MURDERS.

Harold Jones Sent to An Asylum.

The end of a case in which enormous public interest has been taken was reached last month when Harold Jones, aged 15, of Abertillery, confessed to the murder of two schoolgirls, Freda Burnell and Florence Little.

This confession, made in writing by Jones, was produced at his trial at Moonmouthshire Assizes, when he was indicted for the murder of Florence Little.

Mr. Justice Roche ordered him to be detained during his Majesty's pleasure.

Earlier in the year Jones was tried and found not guilty of the murder of Freda Burnell, and his acquittal gave rise to local demonstrations. Some months later Florence Little was found dead in the garret of the house in which Jones lived. A second charge of murder was preferred against the boy who had stoutly maintained his innocence.

When the accused appeared for trial a plea of "guilty" was entered.

His lordship pointed out to the boy's counsel, Mr. St. John Mickelthwait, that it was unusual on a capital charge to allow a plea of guilty to be entered.

Mr. Mickelthwait, in reply, asked his lordship to accept the plea.

The boy, he said, was 15 years and nine months old, and therefore at the present moment all his lordship could do under the Children's Act was to order Jones's detention during his Majesty's pleasure. On the other hand, if for any reason the trial should go over January 11, other consequences might ensue.

Jones, said counsel, fully appreciated the plea he was making. The position had never arisen before in which sentence of death might be passed at some future time.

CONFESSES TO PRISON CHAPLAIN.

Mr. Vachell (for the Crown) briefly related the circumstances of the crime: of the girl's disappearance, Harold Jones's mother, Mrs. Jones, and the search party which tried to find the girl (in which Jones took part), and then of the discovery of her body in the circumstances, directed a plea of guilty to be entered.

Mr. Mickelthwait said the confessions which were about to be read were made by Jones to the prison chaplain, and in reply to questions put to him.

JONES'S STORY.

Mr. Vachell then read the following statement, which, he said, was written in pencil in Jones's handwriting:—

I, Harold Jones, do confess that I willfully and deliberately murdered Freda Little on July 3, causing her to die without preparation to meet her God, reason for so doing being a desire to kill.

Flora was about leaving the house when I got hold of her, and seized her throat, and cut her throat with a knife in the back kitchen. I carried the body upstairs. I brought a little table out of my room, and got on to the table myself. I took the body under the arms, and tried to push it up through the manhole into the garret.

I replaced the body on the table, and went downstairs to get a rope from outside in the back-yard. I tied the rope around the body. I got on to the table, and dragged myself through the manhole with the end of the rope in my hands. Finding the rope was not long enough to enable me to get right up through the manhole, I dropped back on to the table and tied my handkerchief on to the rope. I then clambered back through the manhole and dragged the body up into the loft. After getting on to the table I replaced the cover on the manhole.

As I was having a bath Mrs. Little came to the door. I denied that Flora was in the house. I then went back and finished my bath.

BOY'S SECOND CONFESSION. His lordship then passed the sentence, and the boy who had listened quite calmly, turned quickly and went below.

Mr. Vachell, referring to the confession of the murder of Freda Burnell, said the boy's acquittal of that crime had caused a great deal of public unrest. Everyone believed he was innocent, and parents generally were much disturbed as to what might happen to their children, because, if Harold Jones was not guilty, it was evident that the culprit was still at large.

Counsel then read the following statement:—

A LINK WITH THE BOXER DAYS.

Retirement of Col. R. Noyes from U.S. Infantry.

The U.S. forces in the Far East are about to lose the services, through retirement in his 64th year, of an interesting personality and a soldier of much experience, in the person of Charles R. Noyes, Colonel of Infantry. Colonel Noyes, who is at present in Shanghai, is shortly returning to Manila and will go home to the States after having formally reported at Fort William McKinley. He has seen 46 years service with the Army, and has been an officer for 41 years, having graduated at West Point in 1879. Much of this long period has been spent in China, where the Colonel first saw service in 1890 as an officer of the 9th U.S. Infantry Regiment which formed part of the American expedition despatched from the Philippines to assist in the relief of the Legations threatened by the Boxer forces.

The regiment arrived about the time when Admiral Seymour had retired on Tientsin after an unsuccessful attempt to reach Peking, and was in time to participate in the taking of the walled city as a necessary preliminary to an advance on the capital.

THE MARCH ON PEKING. The attack, in which 1,300 U.S. Infantry and 1,000 Marines took part was begun on July 13 and the Chinese behind the city walls managed to keep up a stubborn resistance for 24 hours, when the city was captured.

The relief expedition set out for Peking 10 days afterwards, and it is recalled with interest that the Commander-in-Chief of the American Forces, General Chaffee, struck a distinctly piquant note in the divided councils among the allied leaders as to when the troops should march. No decision being arrived at, General Chaffee coolly announced: "Gentlemen, I shall move off with my troops on August 5." August 5, however, the day which was later the Legations were relieved.

Having been wounded in the assault, Noyes was deprived of this interesting experience, but he returned to China in December and was with the U.S. force stationed in the Temple of Agriculture. The troops spent a comparatively quiet time, but there were occasional diversions in the form of small expeditions to quell disturbances at outlying villages.

HIS INTEREST IN CHINA. Colonel Noyes is also an old campaigner of the Spanish-American war and the insurrection in the Philippines. Having spent the greater part of the past 20 years in China, the affairs of the country have claimed his interests as a social and political student, and for this reason his active interest in the country will not cease with his retirement.

We believe it is his intention, upon settling down with his family at home, to do such work as may be possible in stimulating interest in Chinese affairs.

From the American point of view, the country is daily becoming of greater importance, and while in all the more important matters, the States are well served with information, Colonel Noyes thinks that an effort might well be made to arouse the interest of his country in the more intimate details of Chinese national life. The idea is very commendable as being an excellent way of putting experience of the country to practical use, and the many friends of Colonel Noyes will wish him all success in the undertaking.

I, Harold Jones, willfully and deliberately murdered Freda Burnell in Mr. Mortimer's warehouse on February 5.

"BECAME A HERO."

"There is to my mind on the evidence" said the judge, "no ground or suggestion for saying he is otherwise than sane. Let him go away from here as quietly as possible."

"I make this observation, because I understand on a former occasion public opinion in the lad's favour was loudly vented, and the lad became a sort of hero. Let not the contrary take place, whatever people's feelings."

"Among the motives which contributed to the second crime was overweening vanity, and a desire to be in the public eye, which could not but have been fed by the unseemly and unnatural demonstrations which, understand, took place on that former occasion."

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30 d/s 2/7 1/2
4 m/s 2/7 1/2
T/T Shanghai Nom.
T/T Singapore 11 1/2
T/T Japan 11 1/2
T/T India 195
Demand, India —
T/T San Francisco & New York 53 3/4
T/T Java 150
T/T Manila Nom.
T/T France 6.80
Demand, Paris —
BUYING.
4 m/s L/C 2/8 1/2
1 m/s D/P 2/9
6 m/s L/C 2/9 1/2
30 d/s Sydney and Melbourne 2/10 1/2
30 d/s San Francisco & New York 56 3/4
4 m/s Marks Nom.
1 m/s France 7.40
5 m/s France 7.50
Demand, Germany —
Demand, New York 53 3/4
T/T Bombay Nom.
Demand, Bombay 195
T/T Calcutta Nom.
Demand, Calcutta 195
T/T Yokohama 113
Demand, Manila 116
Demand, Singapore 111 1/2
Demand, Batavia 150
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On Saigon —
On Bangkok 80 3/4
Sovereign Nom. 7.50
Gold leaf per Tael 47.80
Bar Silver, ready 35 3/4
forward 34 3/4
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Sumoon, from Kobe.

Hooson, from Tientsin.

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Taichung, from Shanghai.

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Leekufan, from Shanghai.

Manchingchung, from Kobe.

Khenghong, from Amoy.

5845, from Dairen.

Changyuepo Great Eastern Hotel, from Shanghai.

Kwoktamwan, from Shanghai.

Kwangshing, from Shanghai.

T. KRING,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1921.

TIDE TABLE.

12th to 18th Dec., 1921.

Day	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 12	7 22	1 51
Tues. 13	8 15	2 30
Wed. 14	9 15	3 13
Thurs. 15	10 22	4 00
Fri. 16	11 35	4 55
Sat. 17	12 47	5 52
Sun. 18	1 11	6 53

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WEATHER REPORT.

Dec. 16d. 11h. 15m.—Pressure has increased moderately at Vladivostok, and decreased moderately from Weihaiwei to Shanghai. It has decreased slightly at Hongkong and Amoy.

The anticyclone has moved eastward, and a depression has formed over N.E. China.

The monsoon is interrupted to the North of Amoy.

Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Total since January 1st, 97.20 inches, against an average of 82.54 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast.

1 Hongkong to Gap. N.E. winds, moderate; overcast; some rain.

2 Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamocka. The same as No. 1.

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T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

H. K. Observatory, Dec. 16, 1921.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day	on date	on date
Barometer	30.04	29.99
Temperature	70	68
Humidity	57	67
Wind Direction	E	E
Wind Force	3	3
Weather	b	o
Rain	0.00	0.00
Highest open air	Temperature on the 15th	70
Lowest open air	Temperature on the 16th	67

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